

### REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-14 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his restriction requirement in view of the remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement with regard to claims 1-14. The grouping of the claims is set forth as follows:

GROUP	CLAIMS	SUBJECT MATTER
I	1-7	Micro-plasma jet generator
II	8	Method for generating a micro-plasma jet
III	9 and 10	Chemical micro-analysis method
IV	11-14	Method for processing for surface treatment

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, claims 1-7 have been initially elected without traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in the restriction requirement, the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claim at a later date, if desired, is reserved.

### CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

The Examiner has not recognized the Applicant's claim for foreign priority. The International Bureau has forwarded a copy of the priority document to the US Receiving Office. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge Applicant's claim for foreign priority in the next Office Action.

### DRAWINGS

The Examiner has not approved the Formal Drawings. The Formal Drawings are believed to comply with U.S. Patent Law and should be approved in the next Office Action.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2007. An initialed copy of the PTO-SB/08 should be sent to the undersigned at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

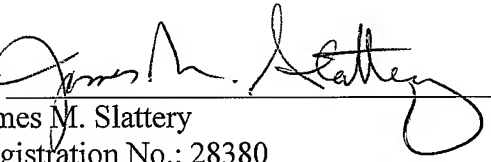
Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James M. Slattery, Registration No. 28,380 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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